

DMOC Readout - February 21

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- Agenda: 2 things today - operational update - s.39
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- Operational update:
 - o RCMP - majority of sites in Ottawa are still clear. Rideau open at Sussex. Byward market reopened at noon. O-Train resumed. 417 off-ramps closed. 150-200 protesters last night in front of War Museum. Demonstration starting today at same location. Logistics camp on Coventry was cleared last night and remains secure with police. 2 arrests and 25 vehicles towed at Coventry. Not aware of any arrests made using new authorities here in Ottawa. Total 104 vehicles towed. Protesters gathering in Vankleek hill outside courthouse. Police posture on ground will be reduced. 400 resources will be maintained throughout week with possibility of another 200 next weekend. Three response teams on standby.
 - o Economic still 57 entities, 241 accounts have/about to be frozen (22 proactively frozen). Many questions on if we provide info on donors - RCMP confirmed they did not provide list of donors to Fis just info on protesters/influencers, etc. Statement put out about donors providing clarity.
 - o Across Canada - Fort McMurray convoy from the weekend - OPP did stop it and advised them not to go into Ottawa but didn't prevent them of continuing their trip. Some vehicles made it as far as Arnprior where at least one bus remains. Also National Assembly in QC - cleared yesterday afternoon, 8 people arrested, 167 tickets issued, local police did not use EA and relied on municipal bylaws/permits.
 - o So far no indication that EA has been used outside of Ottawa. Have heard used greater as comms tool to encourage people to leave of their own accord.
 - o No POE closures. Event close to Pacific Highway continued yesterday with 80-100 protesters, continues today but no disruptions. National assembly in QC protest continues. Rally in Toronto expected today.
 - o CBSA - all POEs, 4 with protests in proximity and 3-4 where there's chatter.

- o CSIS - following up / investigating s.38
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- o Bottom line - pop-up threat remains real. POE threat remains vulnerable.
- o Questions:
 - Francois - on finance side, do we feel we choked off the funding to the core of this thing or is there more to do? Answer - big one was cut off of gofundme.
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 - Nick - did we get clarity as to whether the seizure has power to sell trucks? Second is what is RCMP assessment if attempt to re-occupy and something blocked, what is ability of police to get tow truck operators to show up without threat/utilization of EA? Answers - 1) only the bylaw that says if they don't pay all the fees, they can sell it. On 2) OPP has some great relationships with some tow truck drivers. Could probably get them back.
 - Rob - On financial issue - EA provides power / duty to suspect for participating in unlawful protest. Because they have moved on are they now entitled to have accounts unfrozen? Second question on unfreezing - Answers - some people in peripheral sites had zero consequences. Some accounts will be unfrozen as of today. Being proactive in reaching out to people. So stats about all the people reported have been nullified by enforcement actions as there are no longer illegal protests.
 - Jody - we may be brewing a new problem on the outskirts of the city. Not sure if just regrouping and if police authorities can resolve this on their own?
 - Mike - in terms of serious threat, my area reaching in - unconfirmed reports that 5 members (soldiers of odin) were at Pacific Highway protest and one person threatening comments towards law enforcement.

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